

Homebuilders Still Beat City's Schoolbuilders, Report Reveals

The stork still is outstripping school builders, although the schools are now gaining ground.

That was the gist of a report on double sessions received on Tuesday night by the Torrance Board of Education. The report showed that 104 classes at 13 elementary schools still are on double session. To put all these children on full-day sessions would require another 52 classrooms.

Right now, 62 new classrooms are under construction, with construction on another 40 slated within the next year. These rooms will be located in and additions to 15 other three new elementary plants schools.

"ALTHOUGH WE are making headway toward solving the double session problem, we shall get more children before we get more rooms in which to house them," Superintendent J. H. Hull noted.

Architectural planning, getting state approval, bidding, and actual construction take about two years, so estimates must be made in advance of actual needs if possible. However, home builders can build homes (housing many children) much faster than school builders can erect more classrooms. Each year, enrollment increases about 2000 students.

AT THE PRESENT time, additions to Anza, Arlington, Lincoln, Newton, Madrona, Sepulveda, Madrona, Steele, and Edison Schools are under construction. Adams School, which Towers School, which will relieve Wood School, and

lieve Flavia and Steele, also are being built.

Work will get underway soon on additions to Meadow Park, Crenshaw, Magruder, Anza, Carr, and Flavian, as will construction of Madison School, which will relieve Carr and Perry Schools.

Scheduled for construction as soon as possible are additions to Adams, Riviera, and Jefferson Schools and a new plant for Victor Elementary Schools, which will relieve Meadow Park.

Theater Bus Parties to Be Resumed

The popular theater bus parties sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Dept. will be resumed this month, it was announced Wednesday.

A bus chartered by the department will travel to the famed Pasadena Playhouse on Oct. 16 to see a staging of Norman Krasna's laugh-loaded "Who Was That Lady I Saw You With."

The bus will leave the Recreation Dept. headquarters, 1511 Cravens Ave., at 7 p.m.

Girls Nearly Sweep Riviera School Vote

Led by President-elect Diane Worthen girls swept all but one student office elections last week at Riviera Elementary School.

Other officers include Cindy Warf, vice president; Val Allred, corresponding secretary; Diane Sakai, recording secretary; Katie Mason, girls' athletic commissioner; and Jerri Noth, historian. Sole male victor was Dale St. John, new boys' athletic commissioner.

Fee for both theater admission and transportation is \$2.50 per person. Reservations should be made by Monday, Oct. 12.

Security-First National Buys Local School Bonds

The Security-First National Bank Tuesday purchased \$2,000,000 in Torrance Unified School District bonds in a sale of securities before the County Board of Supervisors.

The lowest of four bidders, the bank offered an interest rate of 4 per cent and payment of a \$26,431 premium.

Supervisor Burton W. Chace, whose district includes Torrance, said the payment of the premium will reduce the interest to a net of 3.87 per cent.

SUPERVISOR CHACE said that the securities will be used in part to repay state loans and for high school improvements. One million dollars will be turned over to the state to repay part of the loans made during the past two years to elementary schools and the second million will pay the cost of completing South High School. Improvements include an addition to the Administration Building as well as six new classrooms. A portion of the money will also be used to begin initial construction at West High School.

AT THE SAME time, the Board also authorized the issuance and sale of \$457,000 in Palos Verdes School District Bonds, also to the Security-First National Bank.

Security was the lowest of five bidders, offering 4.25 per cent interest and the payment of \$7,501 premium.

Payment of the premium will reduce the interest to a net of 4.11 per cent for the Palos Verdes School District Bonds. Sale of these bonds will entitle the School District to additional state aid.

Teachers at Leadership Conference

Eleven Torrance teachers attended California Teachers Assn., Southern Section 19th Annual Leadership Conference at Camp Seely near Crestline last week end.

The Torrance delegation was led by President Joe Redding who said upon his return Sunday evening, "This year's conference has inspired and challenged the local association leaders."

The delegates studied areas of state and federal legislation, credential revision, public relations, juvenile delinquency, tenure and legal problems, and trends in teachers' salaries.

The Torrance teachers met with approximately 600 others representing some 180 other teacher organizations in Southern California. The Camp Seely conference is the prototype for others in the teaching profession.

Those attending from Torrance included: Cecil Paschal, Maurine Pool, June Bullock, Marjorie Sax, Beverly Robinson, Dominic Pulone, Susan Mathews, Vi Redding, Keith Weideman, and Cletus Nestlerode.

Nearly 6500 Get Chest Help Here

Nearly 6500 people in Torrance received Community Chest services in the first six months of this year according to a report just issued by the Chest research bureau.

In January 1959 a three-year survey was initiated to provide the latest figures on people in every community in the greater Los Angeles area who receive Community Chest services. The interim report covers only the first six months of the survey, and reveals that Torrance's share of the services provided by Red Feather agencies was spread over 47 separate institutions and covered a total of 6440 people.

The report gives only a partial record of the number of people served because the survey is new and many agencies did not have facilities to keep extensive records.

Some agency services therefore, are not listed in the report. Others are incomplete. Children's Hospital for example, was able to provide figures by community on hospitalized children, but could not give an immediate breakdown on the 14,000 clinic cases handled each year. These will be given in the 1960 report.

Local Pairs Aid Festival

Two local couples will have leading roles as the 36th annual Festival of International Institute, a Community Chest service, gets under way Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ahti Ahlgren of 1318 Teri Ave., and Mr. and Mrs. Kaarlo Salma, 4805 Merrill St., are members of the Suomi-Herho of Los Angeles which is presenting an outstanding Finnish exhibit and participating in the program of the Festival.

The Ahlgrens and Salmas are on the Festival committee.

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